

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 6-7, 12, and 18-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ikeda (U.S. Pat. No. 6,434,478). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

With respect to claim 1, Ikeda fails to show, teach, or suggest a remote device that includes a first microphone. Ikeda teaches a terminal (remote device) with a display. However, Applicant can find no mention of a microphone associated with the terminal.

Furthermore, Ikeda fails to show, teach, or suggest using the remote device to control the position of a camera and displaying an image from the camera on a display of the remote device. As best understood by Applicant, Ikeda uses a camera to capture and store images in a storage unit in the navigation main unit.

In addition, Ikeda fails to show, teach, or suggest using the first microphone of the remote device to communicate with an occupant of a vehicle. As previously discussed, Applicant can find no mention of a microphone associated with a remote device and therefore the microphone cannot be used to communicate with an occupant of a vehicle.

A rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) requires a showing that the reference teaches each limitation and its claimed relationship to the other elements of the claim. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 9 USPQ2d 1913 (Fed. Cir. 1989). For at least the foregoing reasons, the Examiner has failed to meet the burden under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-19 depend directly or indirectly on claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least similar reasons.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ikeda (U.S. Pat. No. 6,434,478) and Schuyler (U.S. Pat. No. 6,429,773) in view of Ebrami (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0053536). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 20 defines over Ikeda for at least similar reasons as claim 1. Ikeda fails to show, teach, or suggest a remote device that includes a first microphone. Ikeda teaches a terminal (remote device) with a display. However, Applicant can find no mention of a microphone associated with the terminal. Furthermore, Applicant can find no mention of controlling a position of a camera in a vehicle with the remote device or communicating with an occupant of the vehicle through the microphone.

Schuyler fails to cure the deficient teachings of Ikeda. As best understood by Applicant, Schuyler discloses a system for remotely communicating with a vehicle. More specifically, a user uses the Internet to communicate with the vehicle and can monitor vehicle status (i.e., oil level) and read vehicle statistics such as odometer readings and other sensors as sampled by an on-board computer. Applicant can find no mention of a remote device that includes a microphone. Furthermore, Applicant can find no mention of controlling a position of a camera in a vehicle with the remote device or communicating with an occupant of the vehicle through the microphone associated with the remote device.

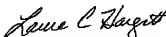
Ebrami fails to cure the deficient teachings of Ikeda and Schuyler. As best understood by Applicant, Ebrami discloses a system in a vehicle that acquires and transmits environmental information recorded around the vehicle. The system includes a camera and a microphone that record the environmental information. The environmental information is transmitted to a remote location or a server. Applicant can find no mention of a remote device that includes a microphone. Furthermore, Applicant can find no mention of controlling a position of a camera in a vehicle with the remote device or communicating with an occupant of the vehicle through the microphone. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 20 is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-38 each ultimately depend on claim 20 and are therefore allowable for at least similar reasons. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 21-38 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (313) 665-4710.

Respectfully submitted;



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